Introduced by COMMITTEE ON RULES -- (at request of M. of A. Gottfried) -- read once and referred to the Committee on Health

AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to restricting duties which may be assigned to specialist's assistants in radiology

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Section 3515 of the public health law is amended by adding a new subdivision 1-a to read as follows:

1-A. (A) A RADIOGRAPHER WHO ALSO IS A SPECIALIST'S ASSISTANT, AS SUCH TERM IS DEFINED IN SECTION THIRTY-SEVEN HUNDRED OF THIS CHAPTER, REGISTERED FOR THE MEDICAL SPECIALTY OF RADIOLOGY, SHALL NOT: (I) RENDER ANY DIAGNOSTIC INTERPRETATION OF ANY IMAGE PRODUCED BY ANY X-RAY OR IMAGING PROCEDURE; (II) MAKE ANY DIAGNOSIS; (III) PRESCRIBE OR ORDER ANY DRUG OR DRUG PRODUCT FOR WHICH A PRESCRIPTION IS REQUIRED BY ANY LAW OR REGULATION; OR (IV) ORDER, PRESCRIBE, ISSUE OR INITIATE A TREATMENT PLAN, A CARE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM OR ANY OTHER THERAPY TO OR FOR A PATIENT UNLESS SUCH PLAN, PROGRAM OR OTHER THERAPY HAS BEEN PRESCRIBED OR ORDERED BY THE SUPERVISING PHYSICIAN OF THE SPECIALIST'S ASSISTANT.

(B) PARAGRAPH (A) OF THIS SUBDIVISION SHALL BE INAPPLICABLE TO SPECIALIST'S ASSISTANTS REGISTERED PURSUANT TO LAW ON THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS SUBDIVISION; BUT SUCH SPECIALIST'S ASSISTANTS SHALL CONTINUE TO BE SUBJECT TO ALL OF THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION SIXTY-FIVE HUNDRED THIRTY OF THE EDUCATION LAW.

Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.